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Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-707

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Utsunomiya et al. :  
Application No.: 09/534,178 : Group Art Unit: 2614  
Filed: March 24, 2000 : Examiner: M. W. Hoye  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, and 4-17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: